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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT:BASES IN JAPAN

FROM: SECSTATE

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM FOREIGN OFFICE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT OTH SITES AT AWASE, CHITOSE, AND TOKOROZAWA WILL BE CLOSED BY JULY, 1975. THIS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BECAUSE THE 440L OTH SYSTEM IS BEING TERMINATED WORLD WIDE AS THE RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS. DISPOSITION OF THE SITES IN JAPAN HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED PENDING A REVIEW OF WHETHER PROPERTY IS NEEDED FOR OTHER US FORCES REQUIREMENTS.

2. THE ABOVE CLOSURES ARE PART OF A WORLD WIDE BASE REALIGNMENT PACKAGE. FYI ONLY OTHER ACTION IN PACKAGE DIRECTLY RELATED TO JAPAN IS THE INACTIVATION OF 746 US AIR FORCE BAND AT YOKOTA. END FYI. THIS PACKAGE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL NOW IN PREPARATION IN DOD AND STATE WHICH WILL INCLUDE GENERAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION ON TIMING OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. DEPARTMENT,

WITH DOD CONCURRENCE, IS INFORMING TOKYO IN ADVANCE BE-
CAUSE OF SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES IN JAPAN TO OTH. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE GOJ HOLDING ABOVE INFORMATION CLOSELY UNTIL
FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE HERE, PROBABLY IN ABOUT TWO
WEEKS. (FYI ANNOUNCEMENT HERE WILL REFER ONLY TO TOTAL

NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND FACILITIES AFFECTED WORLD WIDE
AND WILL NOT NAME COUNTRIES OR SPECIFIC INSTALLATIONS
WHERE DRAWDOWNS WILL TAKE PLACE. END FYI.)

3. THIS MESSAGE IS STADIS IN ORDER TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY
OF PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF THIS ACTION. EMBASSYMAY,
AT ITS DISCRETION, DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH COMUSJ AND FIFTH
AIR FORCE. KISSINGER

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